AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS (THIS LISTING REPLACES ALL PRIOR LISTINGS):

1.   (Currently Amended) In a satellite broadcasting receiver for receiving scrambled

or unscrambled digital satellite broadcasting signals, demultiplexing the signals, decoding the

signals and outputting audio and video signals, a multichannel signal receiver comprising:

a descrambler including a plurality of descrambling units for descrambling the scrambled

digital satellite broadcasting signals;

a signal receiver including a plurality of tuners for receiving at least onemultiple digital

satellite broadcasting signals via at least onemultiple antennas, and outputting the digital satellite

broadcasting signals;

a signal output unit for demultiplexing themultiple digital satellite broadcasting signals,

demodulating the signals, and outputting audio and video signals, with a plurality of dedicated

demultiplexers, demodulators, and output paths corresponding to each of the plurality of tuners;

a common interface controller for checking whether each of the multiple digital

broadcasting signals provided by the signal receiver is a paid signal or a free signal, outputting

the digital satellite broadcasting signal to the signal output unit when the digital satellite

broadcasting signal is a free signal, and outputting the digital satellite broadcasting signal to the

descrambler and outputting a descrambled digital satellite broadcasting signal to the signal

output unit when the digital satellite broadcasting signal is a paid signal; and

a host central processing unit (CPU) for controlling the signal receiver, the common

interface controller and the signal output unit.

2.   (Currently Amended) The receiver of claim 1, wherein at least some of the

satellite broadcastingpaid signals are scrambled. scrambled by one of Viaccess, Conax,

Cryptwork, Irdeto and Nagravision methods.

3.   (Currently Amended) The receiver of claim 1, wherein the descrambling process

is performedcoordinated by a common interface module.

4.   (Currently Amended) The receiver of claim 1, wherein the common interface

controller comprises:

a transport stream interface for receiving at least onemultiple digital satellite broadcasting

signals from the signal receiver, checking whether each of the digital satellite broadcasting

signals is a paid broadcasting signal, supplying the checked paid broadcasting signal to the

descrambler, controlling the descrambling process, and outputting the descrambled broadcasting

signal provided by the descrambler to the signal output unit;

a host interface for controlling at least onemultiple common interface modules of the

descrambler according to the control of the host CPU; and

an inter integrated circuit (I^2C) interface for controlling the host interface and the

transport stream interface according to the control of the host CPU.

5.   (Currently Amended) The receiver of claim 1, wherein the common interface

controller outputs a time lapse message when [[a]]the number of the paid digital satellite

broadcasting signals is greater than the number of descrambling units.

6.   (Currently Amended) In a satellite broadcasting signal receiving method for

receiving scrambled or unscrambled digital satellite broadcasting signals, demultiplexing the

signals, decoding the signals and outputting audio and video signals, a method for controlling a

multichannel signal receiver comprising:

(a) selecting ~~at least one~~multiple receiving channel<u>s</u> of ~~the~~digital satellite

broadcasting signals according to a driving of the receiver;

(b) checking a receipt state of a broadcasting signal of <u>each of</u> the selected

~~broadcasting signals~~ receiving channels in (a), and outputting a warning message that no signal is

received when the broadcasting signal is not received, and checking whether the broadcasting

signal is a paid signal when the broadcasting signal is received; <u>and</u>

   <u>for each of the selected receiving channels,</u>

(c) demultiplexing the corresponding broadcasting signal, decoding the signal and

outputting the signal <u>through the receiving channel's dedicated demultiplexer, decoder, and

output path</u> when the received broadcasting signal is that of a free broadcast in (b); and

(d) descrambling the corresponding broadcasting signal, demultiplexing the

descrambled broadcasting signal, decoding the same <u>and outputting the signal through the

receiving channel's dedicated demultiplexer, decoder, and output path</u> when the received

broadcasting signal is that of a paid broadcast in (b).

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein (d) comprises:

(d-1) checking whether a descrambler for descrambling the scrambled broadcasting

signal is provided;

(d-2) descrambling the broadcasting signal, demultiplexing the signal, demodulating the

signal and outputting the signal when the descrambler is provided in (d-1); and

(d-3)   displaying a message that no smart card for descrambling the broadcasting signal

is provided when the descrambler is not provided in (d-1).

8.   (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein a time-lapse message is displayed

when at least two descrambling units are provided and the number of scrambled broadcasting

signals is greater than the number of descrambling units.

9.   (Canceled)